



# County Moves To Close Dump

Legal action was filed Thursday against Ames Auto Wrecking Inc., in an effort to shut down the trash dump the firm runs adjacent to its wrecking yard.

Kitsap County Prosecutor Myron Freyd filed the suit, which asks for temporary and permanent injunctions against the dump operators, Kenneth Crawford and Mel Marler, prohibiting them from running the dump.

Ames Trash Dump, on the

New Belfair Highway, is where Puget Sound Naval Shipyard deposits its massive daily output of refuse and an injunction shutting the dump down would force the Navy to find another location.

Freyd's action asks that Crawford and Marler be prohibited from using the property as a solid waste disposal area.

It sets Monday as the date for a show cause hearing at which lawyers for the Ames operators should present their side

of the issue.

Freyd took the action at the insistence of county commissioners, who have been besieged by complaints from neighbors of the dump about a severe smoke and odor condition that results.

Joe Weigel, county sanitarian, has also said that the dump should be closed, as it hasn't complied with health department standards and didn't seem to be making its best effort to comply.

Crawford and Marler say they have been doing all that is pos-

sible and claim that the neighbors have been stirred up by representatives of the dump which lost the Navy contract to Ames.

Both men have said they will take the county's closure order to as high a court as necessary to win the case. They are represented by lawyer Curtis Coons.

Filing of the action by Freyd comes nearly three weeks after the commissioners ordered the dump to close and threatened legal proceedings if it didn't.

It hasn't, and won't, its two owners say.

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